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Mrs. Doris Davies, of Billings, was elected chairman of the State Library Commission at its meeting December 10, in Helena. Mrs. Davies succeeds William Conklin, Great Falls, and will hold office for the 1972 calendar year. Don Gibson, Glendive, was elected vice-chairman at that meeting.

The Commission approved, subject to the appropriation of sufficient funds, a request for a demonstration of multi-county federation library service, including bookmobile service, for Phillips, Valley, Daniels, and Sheridan Counties. The County Commissioners, Library Board Chairman, and Librarians of these counties, requested the demonstration because of their interest in the development of improved library services. The demonstration will begin in the 1972-73 fiscal year, and will be financed under Title I of the Library Services and Construction Act. At the request of the participating counties, headquarters for the demonstration will be at the Glasgow City-County Library.

With this newsletter the fourth in a series, Recent Acquisitions of the Montana State Library, is being distributed to public, secondary school, and academic libraries in Montana. All titles on the list are available on loan from the State Library.

The Montana State Library will be closed on Friday, December 24, and on Friday, December 31. The State Legislature in 1971 passed a measure which gives state employees the preceding Friday off if a legal holiday falls on a Saturday.

The Montana Association of School Librarians, a division of the Montana Library Association, recognizes annually a school administrator who merits recommendation for outstanding support and contribution to the school library program of his district. This award is presented at the Montana Library Association's annual conference, in May. Librarians are asked to submit recommendations for this award not later than February 15, 1972. Application forms and information concerning this award may be obtained from Mrs. Mildred Valach, Librarian, Custer County High School, Miles City 59301.

Historians and librarians from Montana's university units and from the State Historical Society have joined to form the Council to Preserve Montana History. Goals of the Council are to help educate and inform Montanans of the importance of preserving historical materials, as well as to form a group aimed at cooperation and elimination of duplication of efforts by history-minded agencies and individuals. Mrs. Harriett Meloy, State Historical Society Librarian, has reported that one of the first activities by the group has been the preparation of a union list of manuscript materials available in the university units and from the Historical Society.

Mrs. Lucetta Steele has been named librarian at the George McCone Memorial County Library, Circle, replacing Mrs. Iona Stover.

Mrs. Alice Hayden has been named librarian at the Bridger Public Library, replacing Mrs. Esther LaFrance.

Mrs. Evelyn Prouty was recently named librarian at the Stevensville Public Library replacing Mrs. Ruth Higgins.

Mrs. Carolyn Riebeth has been named acting librarian at the Big Horn County Library, Hardin, succeeding Mrs. Patricia Nurre.

Mrs. Rosalia Rooney is librarian at the Flathead Valley Community College, Kalispell.

Montaniana:

Kootenai Valley Inundated, by Roy Porter. A series of about thirty oils of various landmarks of the Kootenai Valley that will vanish when the reservoir waters cover the valley. Available from Mrs. Roy Porter, Libby 59923, 1971, \$2.50

A layman and wildlife and A layman and wilderness, by Tom Messelt. Chronicles the history, struggles, and victories of wildlife and wilderness in Montana and the West. Montana Stationery Company, P. O. Box 888, Great Falls 59401, 1971, \$6.50.

The staff of the Montana State Library wish to readers of this Newsletter a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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